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REMARKS

The specification has been amended above to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

A copy of the listed article is attached.

Pursuant to the Pre-OG Notice of July 11, 2003, no copies of the listed U.S. Patents are required.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within the 3 months of the filing date of this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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